Setting up Regional Test Centre of Integrated Rural Energy Programme in T.N.

1536. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up Regional Test Centre of Integrated Rural Energy Programme at Chennai or suitable location in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Integrated Rural Energy Programme (IREP) aims at preparation and implementation of micro-level energy plans and projects in selected districts in which various renewable and rural energy devices are promoted. Testing of these energy devices being promoted under IREP is carried out by the existing test establishements for different devices/systems.

Setting up Energy Parks in the country

1537. SHRI C. PERUMAL Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been proposed to set up Energy Parks in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and locations identified in Tamil Nadu; and

(c) by when the parks will be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) to (c) The Ministry is implementing Energy Park Scheme is the country with the objective of creating large scale awareness about the use and benefits of the renewable energy systems and devices. As per guidelines of the Energy Park Scheme, two types of Energy Parks are promoted under this scheme namely, District level and State level. The State Nodal Agencies for renewable energy identify the institutions for setting up the Energy Parks. Tamil Nadu Energy Development Agency (TEDA) is the implementing agency in the State of